List of political parties in Palestine

The following political parties, listed in alphabetic order, have taken part in recent elections for the Palestinian National Authority in the Palestinian territories:

Brief history and overview

In 1994, The Palestinian Authority was formed, the governing body for the interim period pending final status negotiations. The President of the State of Palestine is the highest-ranking political position, the equivalent to head of state, in the Palestinian National Authority (PNA). The President is elected by popular elections. The Palestinian Legislative Council is the legislature of the Palestinian Authority. It is not to be confused with the Palestinian National Council, which remains the national legislature of the Palestinian people as a whole. The PLC passed a new law in June 2005 increasing the number of MPs from 88 to 132, stipulating that half be elected under a system of proportional representation and half by traditional constituencies.

Legislative Council members

Party	Abbr.	Flag	Founded	Leader		Political position	Legislative Council
Islamic Resistance Movement Arabic: حركة المقاومة الإسلامية *Ḥarakat al-Muqāwamah al-ʾIslāmiyyah*	Hamas حماس		1987	Khaled Mashal		Right-wing	74 / 132
Palestinian National Liberation Movement Arabic: حركة التحرير الوطني الفلسطيني *Ḥarakat at-Taḥrīr al-Waṭanī al-Filasṭīnī*	Fatah فتح		1965	Mahmoud Abbas		Centre-left to left-wing	45 / 132
Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine Arabic: الجبهة الشعبية لتحرير فلسطين *al-Jabhah al-Sha`biyyah li-Taḥrīr Filasṭīn*	PFLP		1967	Ahmad Sa'adat		Far-left	3 / 132
Third Way Arabic: الطريق الثالث *aṭ-Ṭarīq ath-Thālith*			2005	Salam Fayyad		Left-wing[1] (Liberalism)[1]	2 / 132
Palestinian National Initiative Arabic: المبادرة الوطنية الفلسطينية *al-Mubādara al-Waṭaniyya al-Filasṭīniyya*	PNI		2002	Mustafa Barghouti		Left-wing	2 / 132
Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine Arabic: الجبهة الديموقراطية لتحرير فلسطين *al-Jabhah al-Dīmuqrāṭiyya li-Taḥrīr Filasṭīn*	DFLP		1968	Nayef Hawatmeh		Far-left	1 / 132
Palestinian People's Party Arabic: حزب الشعب الفلسطيني *Ḥizb al-Sha'b al-Filasṭīnī*	PPP		1982	Bassam as-Salhi		Far-left	1 / 132
Independent	–						4 / 132

Unrepresented parties

Party	Abbr.	Flag	Founded	Political position	Founder	
Liberty Arabic: الحرية *al-Huriyatu*			2005	Centre-left	Marwan Barghouti	
Arab Liberation Front Arabic: جبهة التحرير العربية *Jabhet al-Tahrir al-'Arabiyah*	ALF		1969	Right-wing[a]	Rakad Salem	
Vanguard for the Popular Liberation War - Lightning Forces طلائع حرب التحرير الشعبية - قوات الصاعقة *Ṭalā'i' ḥarb al-taḥrīr al-sha'biyya - Quwwāt as-Ṣā'iqa*	As-Sa'iqa الصاعقة		1966	Far-left[b]	Farhan Abu Hayja	
Palestinian Liberation Front Arabic: جبهة التحرير الفلسطينية *al-Jabha li-Tahrir al-Filastiniyya*	PLF		1959		Wasel Abu Yousef	
Palestinian Liberation Front (Abu Nidal Ashqar wing) Arabic: جبهة التحرير الفلسطينية (جناح أبو نضال الأشقر)	PLF (ANAW)		1983		Abu Nidal Ashqar	
Palestinian Liberation Front (Abd ul-Fattah Ghanim wing) Arabic: جبهة التحرير الفلسطينية (جناح عبد الفتاح غانم)	PLF (AFGW)		1983		Abd ul-Fattah Ghanim	
Palestinian Arab Front Arabic: الجبهة العربية الفلسطينية *Al-Jabhet Al-'Arabiya Al-Falestiniyeh*	PAF		1993	Left-wing	Jameel Shihadeh	
Palestinian Democratic Union Arabic: الاتحاد الديمقراطي الفلسطيني *Al-Ittihad al-Dimuqrati al-Filastini*	FIDA		1990	Left-wing	Saleh Ra'fat	
Palestinian Communist Party Arabic: الحزب الشيوعي الفلسطيني *al-Hizb al-Shuyueiu al-Filastiniu*	PCP		1991	Far-left	Mahmoud Sa'adeh	
Palestinian Popular Struggle Front Arabic: جبهة النضال الشعبي الفلسطيني *Jabhet Al-Nedal Al-Sha'abi Al-Falestini*	PPSF		1967	Left-wing	Ahmed Majdalani	
Palestinian Popular Struggle Front (Khalid ʻAbd al-Majid) Arabic: جبهة النضال الشعبي الفلسطيني (خالد عبد المجيد)	PPSF (KAM)		1991	Left-wing	Khalid ʻAbd al-Majid	

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Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command Arabic: الجبهة الشعبية لتحرير فلسطين – القيادة العامة	PFLP-GC		1968	Left-wing[c]	Ahmed Jibril	
Reform and Development Party Arabic: حزب الإصلاح والتنمية	RDPP		2019			
Revolutionary Palestinian Communist Party Arabic: الحزب الشيوعي الفلسطيني-الثوري	RPCP		1982	Far-left	Arabi Awwad	
National Coalition for Justice and Democracy Arabic: الائتلاف الوطني من أجل العدالة والديمقراطية	Wa'ad		2004	Left-wing	Eyad El-Sarraj	
Palestinian Justice Arabic: العدالة الفلسطينية	PJP		2005		Usâma Salîm Muhammad	
Palestinian Freedom Movement Arabic: حركة الأحرار الفلسطينية	Fatah al-Yasir		2007	Right-wing	Khalid Abu-Hilal	
Palestinian Mujahideen Movement Arabic: حركة المجاهدين الفلسطينية	PMM		2001	Right-wing	Asaad Abu Sharia	

Alliances

Party	Founded	Political position	Status
Alliance of Palestinian Forces Arabic: تحالف القوى الفلسطينية	1993	Big tent	Active
Palestinian National and Islamic Forces	2000	Big tent	Active
Ahd Bloc Arabic: كتلة العهد	2005	Left-wing	Defunct
The Alternative Arabic: البديل *al-Badeel*	2006	Left-wing	Defunct
Bethlehem Brotherhood and Development Arabic: بيت لحم تآخي وتطوير	2005	Left-wing	Defunct
Democratic Alliance Arabic: التحالف الديمقراطي	1980s	Left-wing	Defunct
Democratic Alliance List Arabic: قائمة التحالف الديمقراطي	2016	Left-wing	Defunct
Freedom and Social Justice	2006	Left-wing	Defunct
Hope and Labour Bloc Arabic: كتلة الأمل والعمل	2005	Center-left	Defunct
Palestinian National Alliance Arabic: التحالف الوطني الفلسطيني	1983	Left-wing	Defunct
Palestinian National Salvation Front Arabic: جبهة الانقاذ الوطني الفلسطيني	1985	Left-wing	Defunct
Reform Bloc Arabic: كتلة الاصلاح *Kutla Al-Islah*	2005	Right-wing	Defunct
Rejectionist Front Arabic: جبهة الرفض	1974	Left-wing	Defunct
Sons of the Land (Beit Jala)	2005	Left-wing	Defunct
Unified National Leadership of the Uprising *al-Qiyada al Muwhhada*	1989	Left-wing	Active
United Beit Jala	2005	Left-wing	Defunct
United Bethlehem Bloc Arabic: كتلة بيت لحم الموحدة *Kutla Beit Laham Al-Muwahida*	2005	Left-wing	Defunct
Wafaa Bloc Arabic: كتلة الوفاء	2005	Right-wing	Defunct

Defunct parties

Party	Founded	Political position	Founder	
Al-Mustaqbal المستقبل The Future	2005	Centre-left to Left-wing	Marwan Barghouti	
National Bloc الكتلة الوطنية *al-Kutla al-Wataniyya*	1935	Right-wing	Abd al-Latif Salah	
Youth Congress Party Arabic: مؤتمر الشباب العربي	1932	Right-wing	Yaqub al-Ghusayn	
Reform Party Arabic: حزب الإصلاح	1935	Left-wing	Hussein Khalidi	
Liberal Party Arabic: الحزب الحر	1930	Centre	Fahmi al-Husseini	
Palestine Arab Party Arabic: الحزب العربي الفلسطيني	1935	Right-wing	Jamal al-Husayni	
National Defense Party Arabic: حزب الدفاع الوطني	1934	Centre	Raghib al-Nashashibi	
Independence Party Arabic: حزب الاستقلال	1932	Right-wing	Izzat Darwaza	
Arab Palestine Organization Arabic: منظمة فلسطين العربية	1969	Left-wing		
Arab People's Movement Arabic: الحركة الشعبية العربية	1977	Centre-left to left-wing	Naji Alush	
League of Palestinian Communists Arabic: عصبة الشيوعيين الفلسطينيين	1982	Far-left		
Palestine Popular Liberation Organization Arabic: المنظمة الشعبية لتحرير فلسطين	1964	Far-left	Muhammad Fayyad Ibrahim Khraysha	
Palestinian Communist Workers Party Arabic: حزب العمال الشيوعي الفلسطيني	1978	Far-left		
Palestinian National Liberation Front Arabic: جبهة التحرير الوطني الفلسطيني	1968	Big tent	Hassan Sabarini (Abohelmi)	
Palestinian Popular Committees Arabic: اللجان الشعبية الفلسطينية	1983	Far-left		
Palestinian Revolutionary Left League Arabic: عصبة اليسار الثوري الفلسطيني	1969	Far-left		
Popular Revolutionary Front for the Liberation of Palestine Arabic: الجبهة الشعبية الثورية لتحرير فلسطين	1972	Far-left		

Party	Founded	Political position	Founder	
Al-Jabhat ash-Sha'biyah at-Thawriyah li-Tahrir Filastin				
Communist Party of Palestine Yiddish: קאָמוניסט פארטיי פון פאַלעסטינע	1922	Far-left		
National Liberation League in Palestine Arabic: عصبة التحرر الوطني في فلسطين *ʿUṣbat at-Taḥrīr al-Waṭaniyy fi Filasṭīn*	1943	Far-left		
Palestine Communist Party Yiddish: פאלעסטינישע קומוניסטישע פארטיי *Palestinische Komunistische Partei* Arabic: الحزب الشيوعي الفلسطيني	1923	Far-left		
Palestinian Communist Party (1922) Yiddish: פאלעסטינישע קאמוניסט פארטיי	1922	Far-left		
Revolutionary Communist League (Mandatory Palestine) Hebrew: הליגה הקומוניסטית המהפכנית *Brit Kommunistim Mahapchanin*	1930s	Far-left		
Socialist Workers Party (Mandatory Palestine) Hebrew: מפלגת הפועלים הסוציאליסטית	1919	Far-left		

See also

- Politics of the Palestinian National Authority

Notes

a. Due to its affiliation with Saddamism

b. Due to its association with the Ba'ath Party (Syrian-dominated faction)

c. Still considers itself nominally socialist

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